

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
MISSOULA DIVISION

TODD F. STEVENSON, an individual  
on behalf of himself, and as grantor of  
the Todd Stevenson 2013 Irrevocable  
Family Trust and the Todd F.  
Stevenson Irrevocable Life Insurance  
Trust; TERRI L. STEVENSON, an  
individual on behalf of herself, and as  
grantor of the Terri L. Stevenson 2016  
Irrevocable Family Trust; TODD J.  
STEVENSON, an individual; and  
JOSEPH D. STEVENSON, an  
individual on behalf of himself, and as  
grantor of the Joseph D. Stevenson  
Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust;

Plaintiffs,

vs.

MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE  
INSURANCE COMPANY; THE  
PENN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY; THE PENN  
INSURANCE AND ANNUITY  
COMPANY; SUMMIT FINANCIAL  
GROUP; GP CAPITAL PARTNERS  
LLC; THE BURGESS GROUP, INC.;  
JOSHUA Q. GARDNER, an  
individual; and JOHN DOES 1–5,

Defendants.

CV 24–109–M–DLC

ORDER

Defendants GP Capital Partners, Summit Financial Group, and Joshua Q.

Gardner have moved for the admission of attorney Connie M. Fickel of McDowell Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP, *pro hac vice*, in the above-captioned matter. (Doc. 43.) It appears that Mark D. Parker of Parker, Heitz & Cosgrove, PLLC will serve as local counsel in this matter. (*Id.* at 3.) Ms. Fickel's application (Doc. 43-1) complies with this Court's Local Rules governing the admission of counsel *pro hac vice*. L.R. 83.1(d).

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the motion (Doc. 43) is GRANTED on the condition that Connie M. Fickel does her own work. This means that she must: (1) do her own writing; (2) sign her own pleadings, motions, and briefs; and (3) appear and participate personally. Ms. Fickel shall take steps to register in the Court's electronic filing system (CM-ECF). Further information is available on the Court's website, [www.mtd.uscourts.gov](http://www.mtd.uscourts.gov), or from the Clerk's Office.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order is subject to withdrawal unless Ms. Fickel files a separate pleading acknowledging her admission under the terms set forth above within fifteen (15) days of this Order.

DATED this 17th day of October, 2024.



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Dana L. Christensen, District Judge  
United States District Court